(b) whether these airlines have been given loss making/unprofitable routes too;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in order to allocate unprofitable route to the private airlines too?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Kingfisher Airlines, Spice Jet, Paramount airways and Go Airlines are the new private scheduled airlines, which have been permitted to operate scheduled domestic air services.

(b) to (d) The Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services to different regions of the country. The airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.

Foreign companies in Andhra Pradesh

202. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign companies established their places of business in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the total amount of FDI flown through the establishment of these companies in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) The number of Foreign Companies which established their places of business in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise is as under:—

Year	No. of Foreign Companies
2002-03	06
2003-04	06
2004-05	02

(b) The total amount of FDI inflow into Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise is as under:—

FDI inflows into Andhra Pradesh

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Govt./FIPB route	Automatic route
2002-03	156.61	226.03
2003-04	150.84	203.06
2004-05	58.16	676.86

SEBI directive on independent Directors in company boards

203. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from 1st January, 2006 it has become mandatory under clause 49 of the listing agreement of the SEBI that 50 per cent of the Directors of the company boards would comprise of independent directors;

(b) if so, whether the corporate bodies including PSUs have complied with directive of the SEBI; and

(c) the number of companies which have not complied with the directive and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) SEBI *vide* circular No. SEBI/CFD/DIL/CG/1/2004/12/10 dated October 29, 2004 has issued the revised clause 49 of listing agreements to be entered into by Companies with the stock exchanges. The provisions of the circular have come in to effect from January 1, 2006. Clause 49(IA) thereof stipulates *inter alia* that where the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the company is a non-executive Director, atleast one-third of the board should comprise of independent Directors and in case he is an executive Director, atleast half of the board should comprise of independent Directors.